

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Enforcement of EPCRA § 304/CERCLA § 103

FROM:

Ann Pontius, Acting Director

Toxics and Pesticides Enforcement Division

TO:

Regional Counsels

Division Directors for EPCRA § 304/CERCLA § 103

On July 31, 2001, we issued a memo extending the enforcement discretion discussed in a memo dated February 15, 2000, pertaining to certain CERCLA § 103 and EPCRA § 304 violations and the CERCLA § 101(10)(H) federally permitted release exemption. In this memo we are announcing that the enforcement discretion as discussed in the original memo of February 15, 2000, is extended until the publication of the revised guidance on federally permitted releases or until December 31, 2001. This additional time is necessary to allow us to complete the revised guidance on the "CERCLA Section 101(10)(H) Federally Permitted Release Definition for Certain Air Emissions."

If you have any further questions regarding this memo, please contact Beth Burchard at (202) 564-4177 or Ginny Phillips at (202) 564-6139.